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Music at the Market

Music is a way of life in the Middle Tennessee area. We have only to look to our sister city to the south, Nashville, also known as Music City, USA. Here in Gallatin many of our celebrations and events revolve around music—Square Fest, Main Street Festival, and our 3rd Thursday on Main series.

We have a new, free event that is also all about music. It is called Music at the Market (Farmers Market) and welcomes folks with different styles of music. This month we are so fortunate to be showcasing Mike Scott with his banjo and bluegrass songs. Mike Scott is well known in the industry. He is seen each week during prime-time on RFD-TV with a viewership of some 60 million households. He was also a member of the Virginia Boys who backed bluegrass legends Jim & Jesse during the 80's. Mike also plays songs that were popular during the Civil War Era. He has performed more than 400 times on the Grand Ole Opry and has toured Europe. Mike Scott has been described as "one of today's great personalities in bluegrass." Music at the Market is Thursday, July 10th beginning at 6:30 p.m. at the Farmers Market. There will be food and refreshments available. You won't want to miss this night of music!

Also on the horizon is the July 17th 3rd Thursday on Main concert featuring Adam Pope. This event takes place in the "L" of our historic square. Restaurants move out to the sidewalk and folks can dine "alfresco" under the stars. This event is now in its 5th year! You will not only see friends and neighbors there, but you might also make some new friends. Gallatin appreciates all of the sponsors of this event so that our citizens can have this experience at no cost.

There are lots of places to dine in our downtown area on these nights – or any other time. The Lime Deli serves sandwiches and salads. The Pizza Machine serves their ever popular pizzas and pastas. The Ugly Pie at the back of Amber leaf is open for lunch Thursday thru Saturday and serves sandwiches and salads with an organic bent – and, of course, they serve an ugly pie! Govan's serves muffins, desserts, and gourmet coffees. Classy Cakes serves wonderful breakfast pastries, cupcakes, and delicious baked goods. The Grayfeather Grill serves lunch Tuesday through Saturday and dinner on Thursday, Friday, and Saturday using as many local ingredients as possible.

While you are downtown, take in some of the boutique stores there. Upscale Boutique has clothing and accessories sure to please. The Country Mouse/City Mouse has antique furniture and curios. The Kangen Water store has purified water in gallon containers. Gibson Furniture and Gallatin Furniture have furniture and accessories to suit all styles. The Market at Amber Leaf has two floors of unique, one-of-a-kind artisan booths. If you are in the market for carpet, check out Joey's Carpet store. If all of this shopping makes you tired, you can go to our Public Library for a respite and some inspiration!

So, take a tour of Gallatin's historic square. Spend time in its shops. Eat dinner downtown. And, bring your family to Music at the Market and 3rd Thursday on Main. For more information on any of these events, don't hesitate to call my office at 451-5961 or email me at joann.graves@gallatin-tn.gov.